

**Moreland School District
Wei Yu International Charter School
Request for Material Revision**

**State Board of Education
July 14, 2016**



Moreland School District

- ▶ **A microcosm of Santa Clara County**
 - ▶ Moreland serves a diverse community residing in San Jose, Campbell and Saratoga
 - ▶ 7 schools serve approximately 4,600 students
 - ▶ A caring community with high-performing and diverse schools
 - ▶ 34.20 % Hispanic or Latino
 - ▶ 27.98% White
 - ▶ 23.77% Asian
 - ▶ 2.71% African American
 - ▶ 34.1% Free and Reduced Lunch-eligible
- ▶ **Location of Discovery Charter School – authorized by County Board**
 - ▶ Mutually beneficial 10-year long-term facilities agreement
 - ▶ District Leadership with significant authorizer experience



Wei Yu's Lack of Transparency, Candor and Commitment to Serve Students of Need

- The District opposes Wei Yu's request for material revision
- Lack of commitment to the moral imperative of serving students of need
 - Initial refusal to participate in Free and Reduced Lunch until shamed by County Board member
- Lack of financial stability; negative financial outlook
 - Multi-year projection **\$122,412** negative balance



Wei Yu's Precarious Financial Condition

- ▶ CDE's original analysis of Wei Yu's budget projected negative fund balances of \$267,966, \$300,860 and \$412,888 with no reserves in Years 1-3
 - ▶ Ineligibility for PCSGP Grant due to delay
- ▶ CDE Staff Report : Wei Yu's revised budget, submitted May 12, 2016, still showed a \$122,412 negative fund balance in Year 3
- ▶ CDE: "The CDE concludes that the WYICS multi-year projected budget does not provide for projected operating surpluses nor recommended reserves."



Wei Yu International Charter School: Demonstrably Unlikely to Succeed

- ▶ Findings of Moreland Board of Education -- sustainability
 - ▶ Insufficient budgeting of expenditures for instructional materials, personnel, facilities

Proposition 39: Failed to Qualify for 2 Years

- ▶ 52 eligible intent to enroll forms for 2015-2016
- ▶ 50 for 2016-2017
- ▶ First Year of Operation: 2015-2016 to 2016-2017
 - ▶ Now seeks additional delay to 2017-2018
- ▶ Now:
 - ▶ Delay in opening
 - ▶ Reduction in enrollment
 - ▶ Ineligibility for PCSGP Grant



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Lack of Sustainability Hurts Students

The Mercury News

Santa Clara: Magnolia charter school to close

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Flex Academy's finances scrutinized

Flex Academy's governing board decided to close up shop May 2 after struggling to find a location within the San Francisco Unified School District, according to meeting minutes.



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- ▶ It has been nearly 2 years since the initial idea of Bay Area Language Immersion Schools to open Mandarin Immersion Schools in Moreland and Menlo Park
 - ▶ Dissipation of any initial support for program
 - ▶ Program can no longer serve K and 1st graders of original founders
- ▶ Wei Yu has struggled to emerge from the start-up stage
- ▶ Capacity and Sustainability are key: students are not well served if the program cannot survive

